(*e*) whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table of the House a copy of the recommendations of the Chief Engineer (Highways) of the State on the possibility of developing the existing Bombay-Cape Comorin road *via* Taliparamba as a National Highway road; and

(*f*) if not, why not?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise.

" (*c*) Yes, Sir.

" (*d*) It has since been decided by the Government of India to have the alignment of the Bombay-Cape Comorin road via Taliparamba.

" (*e*) & (*f*) The communication is an administrative official document and cannot be published but it may be stated it contained information which would help to reach a final decision."

Route of the National Highway (Bombay-Cape Comorin) from Cannanore to Payyanur.

* 1271 *Q.*—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) what is the proposed route of the National Highway (Bombay-Cape Comorin) from Cannanore to Payyanur; and

(*b*) whether alternative proposals have been considered by Government in this behalf, and if so, what they are?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) The alignment of the Bombay-Cape Comorin road from Cannanore to Payyanur as finally fixed by the Government of India is through Taliparamba.

" (*b*) Yes, Sir. The Government of India after examining the alternative coastal route via Cherukunnu and Madayi finally decided in favour of the interior route referred to in the answer to clause (*a*) above."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister whether the residents of Pazhayangadi passed a resolution at a public meeting that there are disputes about the route of this road and whether they requested Government to appoint an expert committee to decide this matter? If so, may I know whether Government have received that resolution and may I also know what steps they have taken on that resolution? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I cannot offhand tell the hon. Member from memory about the receipt of any resolution. But there was a lot of agitation on either side and all these things were placed before the Government of India and they have taken this decision."